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Mail Stop AMENDMENT
 Commissioner For Patents
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Re: Applicant(s): Yamaguchi, Hiroyoshi; Shimizu, Eiji
 Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.
 Title: Anti-Submarine Vehicle Occupant Restraint System
 Serial No.: 09/976,324
 Examiner: Sarah C. Burnham
 Docket No.: AB-1167 US
 Filed: October 12, 2001
 Group Art Unit: 3636

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Response to Office Action (8 pages).

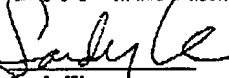
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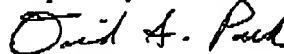
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A one-month extension of time, extending the period for response to September 12, 2003, is requested in an accompanying petition.

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